

AGN. NO. _____

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

APRIL 3, 2007

The Board of Supervisors has continually demonstrated its commitment to emergency preparedness by supporting the County's acclaimed Emergency Survival Program (ESP), an education campaign that provides a wealth of valuable information, and encourages the public to prepare for earthquakes, tsunamis, terrorism and other emergencies by taking a different preparedness action each month of the year. All employees, residents, neighborhood organizations, businesses and schools are encourages to take advantage of the information available to them to increase their knowledge and awareness of the correct safety actions to take before, during and after an earthquake, tsunami, or other emergency.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board:

1. Approve the attached proclamation which designates the month of April 2007 as "COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS MONTH"; recognizes the eighteen year of the Emergency Survival Program (ESP) public education campaign; encourages residents to visit the County's Emergency Survival Program website at www.espfocus.org for valuable emergency preparedness tips; urges all Department or District Heads to participate in earthquake and emergency preparedness activities throughout the month of April and the remainder of the year; and encourages the mayors of each city in the County to demonstrate their support for this important campaign; and

2. Direct the Executive Officer of the Board to ensure that a copy of the attached proclamation is sent to Governor Schwarzenegger with a request that he support the reinstatement of the Office of Emergency Services' California Earthquake Month Campaign and Earthquake Programs.

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PROCLAMATION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2007 AS THE “COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS MONTH” IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE EIGHTEENTH YEAR OF THE EMERGENCY SURVIVAL PROGRAM (ESP) PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN.

WHEREAS, in 1989 the County of Los Angeles adopted and implemented the Emergency Survival Program (ESP), formerly known as the Earthquake Survival Program, which encourages residents to prepare for earthquakes, floods, tsunamis, and other hazards by taking a different preparedness action each month; and

WHEREAS, the State of California has experienced numerous earthquakes, including the magnitude 6.7 Northridge earthquake on January 17, 1994, which resulted in property damage and loss of life; and

WHEREAS, the 150th anniversary of the magnitude 7.9 January 9, 1857 Fort Tejon earthquake was commemorated on January 9, 2007 and serves as a reminder that a large earthquake is probable in the near future; and

WHEREAS, scientists agree that the earthquake threat in Southern California is extremely high; and

WHEREAS, in addition to a large land-based earthquake, the Los Angeles County coastal areas could also be affected by a large and devastating tsunami; and

WHEREAS, the ruin of Hurricane Katrina left in its wake the necessity for increased attention to emergency preparedness and self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles’ earthquake preparedness month campaign is designed to increase public awareness regarding proper procedures to take before, during, and after an earthquake; and

WHEREAS, all residents of Los Angeles County are encouraged to take emergency preparedness steps to make themselves, their neighborhoods and communities more self-sufficient in the event of a catastrophic earthquake, tsunami or other disaster; and

WHEREAS, the year-long educational campaign, known as the Emergency Survival Program (ESP), is internationally recognized as an easy-to-follow method for individuals, neighborhoods, businesses and schools to better prepare themselves to reduce injuries, loss of life, and property damage during an earthquake, tsunami or other hazard;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors that the month of April 2007 is designated as “COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS MONTH” in Los Angeles County and the

eighteenth year of the EMERGENCY SURVIVAL PROGRAM (ESP) public education campaign. The Board encourages all residents, neighborhoods, businesses and schools to visit www.espfocus.org and take advantage of the Emergency Survival Program to increase their knowledge and awareness of proper safety measures to take before, during, and after an earthquake, tsunami or other emergency.

Date: _____

SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
SACHI HAMAI
Executive Officer and
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By _____
Deputy